Branch office of the Press Information Bureau at Tirupati

*224. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a branch office of Press Information Bureau at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) At present, there is no proposal to set up a branch office of the Press Information Bureau at Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh.

Gap between demand and supply of Drugs

*225. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the gap between demand and supply of drugs in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware that from 1986-87 to 1989-90, the dependence on imported bulk drugs has increased from 45 per cent to 67 per cent;

(c) if so, the rate of growth of export during the same period; and

(d) whether it is a fact that Indian consumers do not get their own indigenous drugs and import the same from the foreign countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (d) Overall there is no gap between demand and supply. Where necessary indigenous production gets supplemented by imports.

(b) Increase in imports as percentage of indigenous production includes the imports meant for export production;

(c) Rate of growth of export between 1986-87 and 1989-90 is given below:

Year	Rate of Growth in Exports
1986-87 . . .	14·93%
1987-88 . . .	29·93%
1988-89 . . .	61·38%
1989-90 . . .	80·47%

Impact of Foreign T.V. Network on Modernisation of Doordarshan

*226. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA.
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the modernisation and expansion plans of the Doordarshan and AIR have been seriously affected due to the entry of foreign TV networks in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the allocations made for the modernisation and expansion of Doordarshan and AIR during the Eighth Plan period; and

(c) whether Government propose to review its policy in view of foreign TV networks and if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (c) No, Sir.

(b) The 8th Plan outlay for the various schemes of AIR and Doordarshan has been fixed at Rs. 1134.95 crores and Rs 2300 crores respectively.